

2021 Friends of Weir Wood Society Annual General Meeting

This report constitutes as the minutes of a remote AGM which had to be carried out remotely due to government restrictions stopping the holding of physical meetings due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Committee decided the best way to inform all the members was through our Newsletters. Below are the articles included in the Spring & Summer 2021 newsletters plus a copy of the audited accounts were sent to all members with the Spring edition. The Spring newsletter gave all the required AGM business details which then allowed time for members to give any feedback or questions remotely before we issued the final results in the Summer edition.

(Spring 2021 – Newsletter article dated 4th April 2021) 2021 Main AGM Business - by the Chairman.

Due to the current covid rules it is not going to be possible to have a conventional indoor AGM meeting in a crowded hall anytime soon, but we felt it important to get the AGM main business dealt with.

Therefore, you should find attached a copy of our audited accounts for the last financial year with this newsletter. At our last AGM it was requested that we show the current and previous financial positions on our audit account statement, and this has now been included.

We hope the accounts are self-explanatory and you note they remain in a healthy position.

If you have any queries regarding the accounts then please contact us and we will answer your queries as we would in a normal AGM meeting, but done remotely.

We also need to re-elect the Committee - I can confirm that the present Committee are all willing to stand in their current roles for a further 12 months and we assume this is satisfactory to all, noting that all the current members were re-elected previously without objection. If you have any objections then please let us know and these will be considered.

We have been asking for new Committee members to join our now ageing and diminishing Committee team for some time. I am therefore delighted to announce and propose two members who have agreed to join the Committee, who we feel will fit in well and be an asset to the team.

The first is Darrin Madgin who was approved and seconded by Phil Holland our bird ringer. Phil is now looking to relinquish his high nest box ringing work. Darrin is an extremely well qualified and knowledgeable bird ringer who will take over the main bird ringing and high nest box role duties. Those who have come along to our more recent Open Days will have met Darrin as he was the bird ringer carrying out those very popular bird ringing displays with Phil.

The second is John Edwards who has been a regular on our Tuesday Work Party team and his approval was seconded by Glenn Tocher. John has a keen learning interest in the reserve, has a good general wildlife knowledge and gained some wildlife management experience carrying out volunteer work for the Ashdown Forest, working with their Rangers.

I will again assume these new Committee Members are approved by the membership without objection. However, if you have reasons why these should not join the Committee then let us know and they will be considered.

At our AGM we would normally look at our last AGM minutes (March 2020) and cover any matters or questions raised at that AGM. However, apart from the change to the accounts statement already mentioned, no further questions or other business were raised.

Any feedback we receive from this AGM business will be included in our formal AGM minutes which, once completed, will become available to view on our website. We will also include further feedback in our Summer newsletter.

Finally, if you have any other subjects you wish to raise for discussion and inclusion in the 2021 AGM minutes then please contact us in the normal way.

This concludes the formal AGM business and we now await any feedback you may have regarding these matters.

**(Summer 2021 – Newsletter article dated 10/6/21)
2021 AGM result update - by the Chairman**

With the last newsletter (Spring 2021) you should have received a copy of our audited accounts. We have received no queries regarding those accounts so we now assume that they have been accepted without the need for further comment.

The current Committee & Officers were all re-elected without any objection.

Officers: Bob Johnson – Chairman, Bob Hastings – Treasurer, Tom Howard-Jones – Membership Secretary & Website Editor.

Standing Members: Glenn Tocher, Shaun Taylor, Phil Holland, Alan Caulkett, Peter Johnson.

Newly elected Committee members: John Edwards & Darrin Madgin were considered elected to the Committee with no objections received.

We had no matters raised for discussion and inclusion to the 2021 AGM minutes by the members. So there is no feed-back to include regarding these matters.

The approval of the 2020 Minutes is also considered to be accepted with no feed-back causing us to think otherwise.

We appreciate this is not an ideal format for the AGM, and hopefully next year we will be able to hold a more normal AGM where we can all meet up in person.

We will now issue Minutes covering the 2021 AGM which we will be put on our website. The minutes will basically be the inclusion of both AGM Newsletter articles that detailed the AGM business and the result outcome.

Minutes dated – 10/6/21

By Chairman – Bob Johnson